



# the Statesman

A daily Newspaper for the crew of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)

**24hr Forecast**  
*Partly Cloudy NW Winds 15-20 KT*  
*Seas NW 7-9 Ft, to 10-13 feet*  
**Hi: 68 Lo: 59**

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## USS JOHN C STENNIS awarded second Battle “E”

*The first aircraft carrier to deploy in the new millennium is the first Battle “E” winner of the millennium.*

By JO2(SW) Cristina Asencio

Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet announced that USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) was the Pacific Fleet’s top aircraft carrier after the San Diego-based ship won 11 of the 12 individual Battle “E” categories for calendar year 2000.

The Battle Efficiency award goes to ships who demonstrate sustained superior performance with the emphasis on operational proficiency. The selection process includes a number of required assessments, certifications, and qualifications, as well as a review of the command’s leadership and management policies, programs and procedures that have produced an integrated team effort to achieve command goals.

How did JCS do it? By steaming more than 34,000 miles on deployment. By flying more than 10,500 mishap-free sorties during the 178-day cruise. By receiving an “above average” or better grade on almost every material inspection and drill-intensive exercise, and by breaking records in both retention (82 percent) and warfare qualifications (1250 Sailors qualified in at least one warfare area). JCS also maintained an 84 percent proficiency rating on all aircraft and support equipment. JCS’ Executive Officer, CAPT Ted Branch, was pleased with the award. His has been the loudest voice cheering on the crew’s efforts since he reported to JCS in October 1999.

“We have a wonderful crew. Naval



*A crucial combination of World Class Crew and World Class Ship emerges from San Diego Harbor on the Millinium Deployment*

Aviation is the greatest team sport on the planet, and this crew works like Super Bowl champs.” said CAPT Branch.

As XO, Branch oversees a majority of the day-to-day operations aboard the ship. CAPT Branch says the secret to JCS’ success is in cultivating its Sailors. “I think the leadership has positive expectations and treats the crewmembers with respect,” said CAPT Branch. “The reward is an atmosphere of cooperation and a shared

vision of mission accomplishment and excellence.”

Winning the Battle “E” wasn’t a easy for JCS. The competition was fierce. According to VADM John Nathman, Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, every carrier in the Pacific Fleet performed at the highest levels of readiness.

“Performances made the competition for the Battle “E” unbelievably tight. This is indicative of exceptional leader-

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# Once Upon A Fast Cruise



by PH1(AW) Craig McClure



Photo by PH2 (AW) William C. Rowlett

### Our Crew Prepares:

(Starting above clockwise) Flight deck crew walk through a fire drill, Air Department's Flight Deck Crash and Salvage Crew lift and prepare to move a wrecked aircraft, HTFN Brian Mouton participates in a class alpha fire drill, ABH3 (AW/SW) Franklin Santiago and AN Stephanie Luna play key roles during a mass casualty drill, XO CAPT Ted Branch practices how to don an emergency floatation device.



Photo by PH3 (AW) William C. Fletcher



Photo by PH3 (AW) Alicia M. Bondie



by PH2 (AW) William C. Rowlett

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# Sailor of the Day

## March 19, 2001



**Name:** AN Jonathan Kyle Muncy  
**Dept/Div:** Air Department/V-1 Division  
**Hometown:** Mozelle, KY  
**Reported Aboard:** September 1, 1999  
**Job Description:** "I am responsible for the operation of all aircraft handling equipment, including installing and removing aircraft chocks, tiedowns and towbars."  
**Favorite Movies:** The Fire Down Below  
**Places visited while in the Navy:** "Pusan Korea, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Bahrain, Jebel Ali, Perth, Hobart, and Hawaii  
**Most memorable event in career:** "Had to be the first time I participated in flight operations on the flight deck."

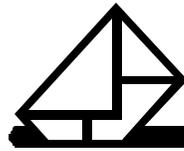
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ship, management and teamwork," said VADM Nathman. "There is not a carrier out there which we would not be proud to give the Battle "E" pennant." As JCS begins Sea Trials

and a myriad of training exercises in preparation for its January 2002 deployment. The Pacific Fleet's newest aircraft carrier is now in training for the next battle for the Battle "E."

#### POST OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Sat  
 0900 - 1600  
 1800 - 2200



Sun  
 1200 - 1600  
 Money Order Sales  
 Secures at 2100

#### General Mess Hours

**Breakfast**  
 Fwd 0520 - 0720  
 Aft 0500 - 0700  
**Lunch**  
 Fwd 1000 - 1400  
 Aft 1030 - 1330  
**Dinner**  
 Fwd 1530 - 1900  
 Aft 1600 - 1830  
**Mid Rats**  
 Fwd 2230 - 0130

## JCS Perspective

What do you look forward to after a trip out to sea? And why?



SN Rojas, Marcello G.

*Going to a church to pray because it makes me feel more at home.*



AN Stricklin, Tiffany L.

*Going to Palmdale to see my boyfriend and friends just to catch up and spend some time together.*



AA Krause, Jennifer M

*Seeing my friends and land because this will be my first time actually out to sea.*

#### Women's History Month

This year's theme is "Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision". Women have been an integral part of the Navy since 1908. Today there are 54,142 women on active duty in the Navy. To find out more check these websites:  
[www.dtic.mil](http://www.dtic.mil),  
[www.wrei.org](http://www.wrei.org) or  
[www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/people/women/wintop.html](http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/people/women/wintop.html)

**JCS TELEVISION**

Wednesday, 28 March 01

**KJCS**

- 0000 Star Kid
- 0200 Alien Resurrection
- 0400 Mad City
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0630 The Man Who Knew Too Little
- 0900 Rebound: Legend of Earl Manigault
- 1200 Eve's Bayou
- 1400 Home Alone 3
- 1600 Deep Rising
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1900 Midnight Run
- 2130 The Other Sister

**KMOV**

- 0000 An American Werewolf in Paris
- 0200 Mouse Hunt
- 0400 Mortal Combat: Annihilation
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0630 Music Videos
- 0900 U-571
- 1200 Anastasia
- 1400 You've Got Mail
- 1600 Practical Magic
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1810 Music Videos
- 1900 Tomorrow Never Dies
- 2100 Gone in 60 Seconds
- 2300 Simpsons

**Training Channel 9  
March 27-April 4, 2001***All start time are approximate*

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Interdeployment Trng Cycle     | 0000 |
| First 72 Hrs                   | 0030 |
| Shipboard Safety               | 0100 |
| Man Overboard                  | 0115 |
| Flight Deck Safety             | 0145 |
| Hearing Conservation           | 0200 |
| Electrical Safety              | 0230 |
| Hazards of Military Lasers     | 0300 |
| Confined Space Hazards         | 0330 |
| Respiratory Protection         | 0345 |
| Forklift Safety                | 0415 |
| Shipboard Elevator Safety      | 0430 |
| JCS HAZMAT Process             | 0500 |
| HAZMAT Control Afloat          | 0505 |
| Paint Application Safety       | 0530 |
| Uranium HAZMAT Awareness       | 0600 |
| RADCON 2000                    | 0615 |
| Working Safely With Lead       | 0630 |
| Shipboard Safety               | 0700 |
| ORM Driver Safety              | 0900 |
| Sports Safety                  | 0930 |
| Back Injury                    | 1000 |
| Interdeployment Training Cycle | 1030 |
| Shipboard Safety               | 1100 |
| First 72 Hrs                   | 1115 |
| Medical Waste Afloat           | 1200 |
| Your Ship. Environment & You   | 1230 |
| Heat Stress                    | 1300 |
| Personal Protective Equipment  | 1310 |
| Life Vest Maintenance          | 1320 |
| Interdeployment Trng Cycle     | 1400 |
| First 72 Hrs                   | 1430 |
| Shipboard Safety               | 1500 |
| Man Overboard                  | 1515 |
| Flight Deck Safety             | 1545 |
| Hearing Conservation           | 1600 |
| Electrical Safety              | 1630 |
| Hazards of Military Lasers     | 1700 |
| Confined Space Hazards         | 1730 |
| Respiratory Protection         | 1745 |
| Forklift Safety                | 1815 |
| Shipboard Elevator Safety      | 1830 |
| JCS HAZMAT Process             | 1900 |
| HAZMAT Control Afloat          | 1905 |
| Paint Application Safety       | 1930 |
| Uranium HAZMAT Awareness       | 2000 |
| RADCON 2000                    | 2015 |
| Working Safely With Lead       | 2030 |
| ORM Driver Safety              | 2100 |
| Sports Safety                  | 2130 |
| Back Injury                    | 2200 |
| Interdeployment Trng Cycle     | 2230 |

**Myths/conceptions:  
Setting the record straight  
on drugs in the Navy***By JO1 James E. Scott***CINCLANTFLT public affairs**

NORFOLK, Va. (NWS) — Zero tolerance...two words that sum up the Navy's policy on drugs. Toward that end, commands are encouraged to continue educating their Sailors about the adverse health and legal consequences of drug abuse. Many myths exist concerning this, often leading to the false impression that drug abuse is nothing out of the ordinary. The following information, provided by the Atlantic Fleet Drug Abuse Working Group, is intended to set the record straight and help dispel some of those myths.

**Myth:** Only some of the urine samples submitted are tested.

**Reality:** The Navy Drug Screening Laboratory tests every sample submitted from Navy commands.

**Myth:** Once I have a urinalysis, I'm safe to do drugs for a while.

**Reality:** Commands use a computer-based program designed to randomly select command personnel and testing days. The tests are conducted without warning and with no set pattern. You may be tested multiple times during a single month.

**Myth:** Navy urinalysis isn't very accurate.

**Reality:** The Navy Drug Screening Laboratory uses the most sophisticated equipment available and produces scientifically accurate and legally defensible results.

**Myth:** Ecstasy is undetectable by Navy urinalysis and military working dogs.

**Reality:** Every urine sample is tested for Ecstasy. In addition, military working dogs are being trained to detect Ecstasy and other club drugs.

**Myth:** Marijuana is harmless.

**Reality:** Marijuana contains an unstable mixture of more than 425 toxic and psychoactive chemicals. It impairs memory, learning, motivation and reflexes, and has been found to be addictive.